[92 cont.]

342 On the Reef Islands Quiros mentions the roof covering
171 of palm leaves and the walls of matting (5). The parallels

5. Dalrymple, p. 127.

that Coote draws with the New Hebrides (6), as well as the

6. Coote, p. 164.

general silence about the shape of the houses, leads one to conclude that the widespread rectangular gabled house predominates. The interior of houses on Nufiloli is divided by
353 partitions from three to four feet high into as many as six sec-
● 513 tions, each of which serves as a sleeping room for a wife of
595 the owner. The chief's house that Coote entered contained four
562 of them (7). When a stranger entered, each woman retired

7. Coote, ibid.

silently to her room.

342 For Vanikoro, as for Ndeni the presence of the two hut forms, the gable-roofed huts and the conical-roofed huts, side by side seems to be typical, except that here they do not seem to be separated by locality as they are there, although according to the illustrations in D'Urville and F. de Tolna, the individual types seem to predominate in certain places (8). Only

8. D'Urville, pp. 153; 355 (Sainson); 361 (Quoy); Atlas, Pl. 182 ff. F. de Tolna pp. 267 ff.

the gable-roofed huts are described in more detail by D'Urville, as well as by Dillon (9), and perhaps it may be concluded from

9. Dillon, pp. 273 f. D'Urville, pp. 216, 326.

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of Ndeni were seldom seen.

593 Dewar speaks
513 of separate houses for women (7), and one of Codrington's in-

7. Dewar, p. 248. In Vanikoro the two sexes sleep in the same huts, but somewhat separated: Gaimard in D'Urville, p. 332.

formants told him that even young married people do not live together at first, but only meet secretly. This statement was denied by several Santa Cruz Islanders (8), although it is borne

8. Codrington, p. 239, footnote 2. However, cf. F. de Tolna, p. 281.

out by analogous [143] conditions in related cultures (1) and may

1. For example, on the Admiralty Islands and among the Alfur west of Geelvink Bay: Thilenius, Ethnographische Ergebnisse aus Melanesien, II, p. 132; Moolenburgh in Tijdschr. v. h. Kon. Nederl. Aardrijksk. Genootsch., second series, XIX, p. 165.

therefore apply to part of the group. The fact is that on Ndeni even married men do not always sleep at home, but in the bachelors' houses or meeting houses (2).

2. Joest, Tagebuch, p. 48.

593 The woman, even after marriage, is protected by her
602 kin group. If her husband kills her, he not only gets a sound
[602] beating, but must pay any amount demanded. If he escapes, the members of his kin group must do it (3).

3. Joest in Baessler, p. 379.